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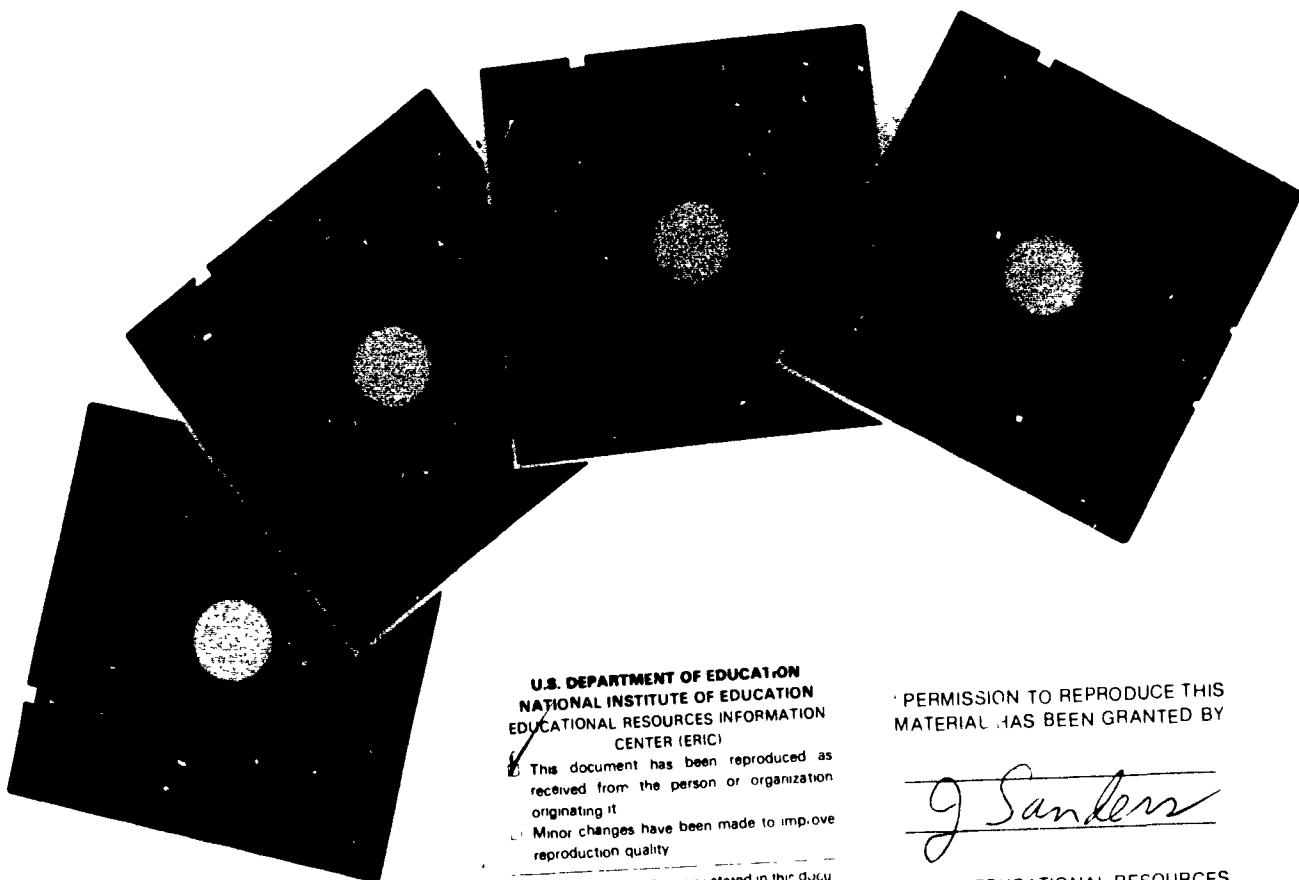
ABSTRACT

This directory contains 111 reviews of computer software programs suitable for use in adult basic education, general educational development, and English as a second language (ESL) programs. Each one-page review contains the following information: program title, version, producer, cost, hardware requirements, typical run time, back-up disk, appropriate uses, specific subject/skill area, instructional mode, description, and rating of program quality, recommendation, and comments. Programs were reviewed by one to three reviewers. Curriculum areas covered by the software reviews are computer literacy, ESL, language arts, life skills, mathematics, reading, science, and social studies. A section of programs for the teacher is also reviewed. The final section of the guide contains a list of the most useful programs for adult education. (KC)

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SOFTWARE REVIEWS FOR ADULT EDUCATION

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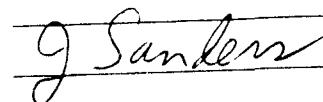


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FOREWORD

The Massachusetts Department of Education, Bureau of Student, Community, and Adult Services has, over a three year period beginning in 1983, undertaken a series of projects that had as a goal the integration of computers in the learning process at adult education centers throughout the state. As in other educational sectors, such integration called for resource and information gathering, hardware and software requisition, staff training, development of implementation strategies, and follow-up procedures.

The initial task of the adult educators involved in the project was to explore the potential for computer use with their special populations. State-funded mini-grants supplied hardware and software to centers whose personnel were selected as potential participants in training programs. Through the joint efforts of the Massachusetts State Department of Education and the Merrimack Education Center in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, a series of five-day software applications institutes were organized. Three such institutes provided intensive training for approximately fifty adult educators statewide. Early efforts explored a variety of promising computer applications practiced in public school systems. The unique perspective of the institute experience attempted to distill out those applications appropriate for adult learners in ABE, GED, and ESL programs.

Criteria for software selection were carefully developed in areas of technical and instructional characteristics with additional emphasis on propriety of content for the adult learner. A software evaluation form was devised through an arduous group effort. This special form, displayed on the page following this one, has been met with widespread approval by adult educators throughout New England. Its use for purposes of disseminating information has been generally limited to training participants who have been sensitized to criteria for selecting promising software. This officially certified group has become known as the Massachusetts Adult Software Specialists (M.A.S.S.) and their efforts at evaluating software provide the substance for this resource. As two or more evaluations on single software items were submitted, a summary form was utilized to combine the general results of those evaluations, and these summary forms comprise the body of this publication.

The summary forms are simple and clear and could be quite useful to any adult educator who wishes to efficiently explore a number of reviews on potentially useful software products. However, as with any evaluative resource, a set of warnings should be carefully noted. It must be emphasized that the information contained in the evaluation has a degree of subjectivity that should be considered. Also evaluations are submitted with a specific target population in mind and should be examined in light of this perspective. Finally, the evaluations reflect a conglomerate of individual experiences and should not in any case be viewed as either a group endorsement or condemnation of any given product. That is, the content of the review forms is not intended to reflect the opinion of the Merrimack Education Center nor any branch of the State Department of Education as to the quality of the products reviewed.

This resource is offered as a guide to adult educators and its greatest utility may be in suggesting which software might be looked at more closely for fulfilling a specific need. To eliminate a product from potential use based upon this resource would be contrary to the intention of the resource staff. The M.A.S.S. group has expanded and continues to produce additional software evaluations. Accordingly, this resource is expected to grow, providing additional insight on products described within as well as on additional items that may address the needs of adult learners.

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MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

SOFTWARE EVALUATION FORM

MATERIALS APPROPRIATE FOR ADULT LEARNERS

PROGRAM TITLE: _____ Software Producer: _____ Version: _____

Hardware Requirements: _____

Cost, if known: _____ Includes Back-Up Disk: _____

Comment on Typical Runtime: _____

INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES AND TECHNIQUES (check all that apply)

Appropriate Uses:

ABE (0-4); Pre-GED (5-8); GED (9-12); ESL; Pre-Voc.

Specific Subject/Skill Area _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Skill Remediation	<input type="checkbox"/> Drill and Practice
<input type="checkbox"/> Skill/Knowledge Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment	<input type="checkbox"/> Game or Simulation
<input type="checkbox"/> Learning Tool	<input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic/Prescriptive
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/Teacher Tool	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

INSTRUCTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Yes No

Learning objectives are clear and worthwhile for adult learners. _____

Typical runtime is commensurate to educational value. _____

Tone of address is acceptable to adults. _____

Format is challenging, not frustrating. _____

Feedback is appropriate, useful, and timely. _____

CONTENT CHARACTERISTICS

Yes No

Content is error-free and factually correct. _____

Difficulty level may be adjusted. _____

Presentation is logical and well-organized. _____

Vocabulary, concepts, and examples are relevant to adults. _____

Content can be changed or added by instructor. _____

Content avoids ethnic, racial, or sexual discrimination and stereotyping. _____

<u>TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Documentation is concise, readable, and adequate.	____	____
Screen directions are concise, readable, and adequate.	____	____
Adult learners can operate program independently.	____	____
Program may be entered and exited with ease.	____	____
Program is user friendly and apparently error free.	____	____
Screens and/or text is readable and uncluttered.	____	____
Sound and graphics enhance the program; are not demeaning.	____	____
Rate and sequence of program operation can be controlled.	____	____

Management/Record keeping system: None; Optional;
Required for program operation

PROGRAM QUALITY SUMMARY

4 (high) to 1 (low)

Instructional Characteristics

I highly recommend this program for use with adult learners.

Content Characteristics

I would use this program, but with some reservations or changes.

Technical Characteristics

I would neither use nor recommend this program for adult learners.

Comments: (Strengths, weaknesses, suggested uses, training requirements, etc.)

Evaluator's Name: _____

Date: _____

Position: _____

Organization: _____

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ADULT EDUCATION SOFTWARE EVALUATIONS

COMPUTER LITERACY

Apple II Plus Tutorial
Computer Concepts
Understanding Computers

ESL

Alligator Game Series for English Usage
Bank Street Writer
Basic English Skills - Sentences Disk 2
Building Better Sentences
Cloze Plus Program
Dasher
Elementary Math - Volume 3
Essential Idioms in English
The Factory
Grammar Mastery
Homonyms in Context
Life Coping Skills: Forming Positive Behavior
Magic Spells
Master Spell
Math Sequences
Missing Links: English Editor
Missing Links: Young People's Literature
Money! Money!
Readability Formulas
Scripsit
Spelling - Volume 1
Teacher Utilities: Vol. 1
 Review & Review Load
Teaching Tools: Spelling Package
Teasers by Tobbs
U.S. Constitution Tutor
Verbs I
Visicalc
Who, What, Where, when, Why
Word Attack
Wordwright

LANGUAGE ARTS

Alligator Game Series for English Usage
Bank Street Writer
Basic English Skills - Parts of Speech
Basic English Skills - Sentences - Disk 1
Basic English Skills - Sentences - Disk 2
Building Better Sentences
Capitalization
Grammar Mastery
Homonyms in Context
Long Vowels
Magic Spells
Master Spell
P.F.S. Write
SAT - English I
Sentence Combining
Short Vowels
Spelling Demons
Spelling - Volume I
Spelling - Volume II
Spell It
Verbs I
Vocabulary Skills (Context Clues)
Who, What, Where, When, Why
Wizard of Words
Wordwright
Writing Skills

LIFE SKILLS

Career Directions
Daily Living Skills: Banking and Credit
Life Coping Skills: Building Relationships
Life Coping Skills: Forming Positive Behavior
Life Coping Skills: Increasing Self Esteem
Money! Money!

MATH

Adding Fractions
The Arithmetic Classroom - Decimals
The Arithmetic Classroom - Division
The Arithmetic Classroom - Fractions:
 Addition & Subtraction
The Arithmetic Classroom - Fractions:
 Basic Concepts
The Arithmetic Classroom - Fractions:
 Multiplication & Division

MATH cont'd

Building Basic Math Skills
Discover What Graphs Can Tell You
Dividing Fractions
Elementary Math Volume 3
Math Sequences
Math Sequences: Equations
The Factory
Fraction Factory
Mathematics Activities Courseware
Math Sequences
Math Sequences: Equations
Multiplying Fractions
The Pond
Sem Calc
Subtracting Mixed Fractions
Survival Math
Teasers by Tobbs

READING

Cloze Plus Program
Comprehension Power
The Iron Horse
Missing Links: English Editor
Missing Links: Young People's Edition
Programming Phonics: Series K - 3
Beginning Consonants
Reading and Thinking
Speed Reader II
Tutorial Comprehension
Vowels
Word Attack

SCIENCE

Systems of the Human Body

SOCIAL STUDIES

Meet the Presidents
President Elect
U.S. Constitution Tutor

UTILITIES

Dasher
Mastertype
Readability Formulas
Scripsit
Teacher Utilities: Volume 1
 Review & Review Load
Teaching Tools: Spelling Package
Visicalc
Worksheet Wizard

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Computer Literacy

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Apple II Plus Tutorial VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: Computer Resources Incorporated COST: _____ BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____
APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
 X GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Computer Literacy/Apple II
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool
DESCRIPTION: A step-by-step approach that teaches the student to run an
Apple II.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3		
3				
3				
3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer			
1	2	3	
X			

COMMENTS: Program helps students to gain familiarity with the operation of an

Apple II. Program is well-organized and helpful.

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Computer Literacy

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Computer Concepts	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Continuous Learning Corporation	COST:	\$180.00
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple; Printer Optional	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	45 lessons 15 min/lesson
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Computer Literacy/Knowledge Development		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Introduces learners to keyboarding, databases, and word processing. Computer capabilities are explored. Common terminology presented and reinforced		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
4	3	4		
3	3	3		
3	3	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X	X		

COMMENTS: Highly interactive program deals with important computer related

concepts in a non-threatening fashion. Use of computers and optional printer

capability provide more appropriate vehicle to learning about technology than a text.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Understanding Computers</u>	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	<u>Britannica</u>	COST:	<u>\$239.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple, TRS-80</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>\$40</u>
		10-20 min/ses	
		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>30 sessions</u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4);</u>	<u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u>	
	<u>X GED (9-12);</u>	<u>ESL;</u>	<u>X PRE-VOC.</u>
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Computer Literacy/Skill & Knowledge Development</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tool, Simulation</u>			
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program consists of pre- & post-tests, lessons and reinforcing exercises. May be self-paced.</u>			

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer			
1	2	3	
4	4		
4	3		
3	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer		
1	2	3
X	X	

COMMENTS: A sound introduction to the uses and capabilities of computers. A challenging program that works with or without associated documentation.

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ESL

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Alligator Game Series for English Usage VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Educational Activities COST: \$59.95 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 min/ses
2 hour total

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Object of the game is to answer questions correctly & reach the top of the Pyramid. Incorrect answers send you down towards a waiting alligator.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
2	4			
2	4			
2	1	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
	X			
X				

COMMENTS: The strength of the program lies in its development of skills in noun/pronoun usage, pronoun/verb agreement, preposition usage, adjective/adverb usage, verbs & verb forms. Program is highly motivational. Graphics are somewhat time-consuming. Response to incorrect answers could be improved.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Bank Street Writer</u>	VERSION:	<u> </u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Scholastic</u>	COST:	<u>\$69.95</u>
			<u>BACK-UP DISK?</u> <u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple, Acari</u>	<u>Commodore 64, IBM-PC</u>	<u>TYPICAL RUNTIME:</u> <u> </u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>X</u> ABE (0-4);	<u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);	
	<u>X</u> GED (9-12);	<u>X</u> ESL;	<u>X</u> PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Language Arts/Composition & Word Processing</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Tool</u>		
DESCRIPTION:	<u>A word processor that may be utilized in a writing program.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer			
1	2	3	
N/A	N/A		
N/A	N/A		
4	4		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer			
1	2	3	
X	X		

COMMENTS: An appropriate word processor for new users. A tutorial is available on the second side of the disk. The expanded version (\$125) gives a choice of 40 or 80 column display.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Basic English Skills - Sentences, Disk 2	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Britanrica	COST:	\$49.00
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple IIc, IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	20 - 30 minutes
APPROPRIATE USFS:	ABE (0-4); GED (9-12);	X	PRE-GED (5-8); ESL; PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Identification of predicate nouns, simple and complete predicates, complete sentences and fragments.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	
.4		4		
3		3		
4		4		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	
X	X			

COMMENTS: Strengths of the program are the clear directions, appropriate feedback, use of highlighting, and available worksheets. The program would be improved if grammar tutorial sections preceded the practice sections.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Building Better Sentences	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	Milton Bradley	COST:	\$49.95	BACK-UP DISK?	
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:		15 - 20 min/session	
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	X	PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL;	PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Skill/Knowledge Development					
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Tool					
DESCRIPTION: Program teaches student to recognize sentence parts & to combine them to make more effective and interesting grammatical structures.					

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
4				
4				
4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMFNTS: An easy to use, sound basic grammar lesson. The program might be improved with more examples. The cumulative test allows student to gain points for the game, Alien Raiders.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Cloze Plus Program VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Milliken COST: \$425.00 BACK-UP DISK? \$210

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: As needed

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Program develops comprehension and vocabulary skills.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 4 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
	4	4	2	4	
	4	4	3	4	
	3	4	3	4	

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
	X	X		X	
			X		

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: The ability of users to ask for clues is one of the positive features of the program. The graphics are not really needed and may detract from the program.
Content is generally interesting and adult appropriate.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Dasher	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Conduit	COST:	\$150.00
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II+, IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL;	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Utilities, Language Arts		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tool		
DESCRIPTION:	4 Diskettes (English, Spanish, French, German) with special characters for each language. Authoring program for creating drill & practice exercises.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
4					
4					
4					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
X					

COMMENTS: Program allows teacher to readily create content appropriate for adult learners. Its' biggest strength is a unique error-checking system which checks responses letter-by-letter, forcing user to retype misspelled letters. Very useful for grammar practice for foreign language study.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Elementary Math - Volume 3 VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: MECC COST: \$45.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/session

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/ Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Analysis of basic geometrical figures

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer			
1	2	3	
4	4	4	
4	4	3	
2	3	4	

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer

1	2	3	
X		X	
	X		

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: Graphics are used appropriately to reinforce geometric concepts of area and perimeter.

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ESL

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Essential Idioms in English</u>		VERSION: _____	
PRODUCER: <u>Regents/ALA</u>	COST: <u>\$39.95/disk</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$99.95</u>	
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>20 - 30 min/lesson</u>	<u>13 lessons</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES. <u>ABE (0-4);</u>		<u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u>	
<u>GED (9-12);</u>		<u>X</u> <u>ESL;</u>	<u>PRE-VOC.</u>
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Language Arts/Idiomatic Words & Phrases</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, tutorial</u>			
DESCRIPTION: <u>A sequence of exercises introduces idioms. Student proceeds with multiple choice and fill-in exercises.</u>			

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
4				
4				
4				
4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Review				
1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Program contains a wide selection of commonly used idioms that are initially introduced in a sequence of exercises. Student must be an intermediate ESL student and be able to read on a second grade level.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	The Factory		VERSION:		
PRODUCER:	Sunburst	COST:	\$55.00	BACK-UP DISK?	Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Acorn, Apple, Commodore				
	Atari, IBM-PC, TRS-80		TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/session		
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4);	PRE-GED (5-8);			
	X GED (9-12);	X ESL;	PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math/Problem Solving				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Simulation				
DESCRIPTION:	Program simulates a factory and student is required to use eight machine operations to create a geometric shape.				

SUMMARYBased upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

		Reviewer		
		1	2	3
	4	4		
	4	3		
	3	4		

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

		Reviewer		
		1	2	3
	X	X		

COMMENTS: An excellent program for developing sequencing skills and visual reading.

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

ESL

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Grammar Mastery VERSION: Series A
PRODUCER: Regents/ALA COST: \$39.95/disk \$19.95
\$195.00/series BACK-UP DISK? \$280.00
REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 min/ses
APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); PRE-GED (5-8);
 GED (9-12); X ESL; PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial
DESCRIPTION: Basics of English grammar covering verbs, nouns, pronouns, prepositions, adjectives and adverbs.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
4	3	4		
3	3	3		
1	2	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer			
1	2	3	4
X	X	X	

COMMENTS: Program would be an appropriate reinforcement to classroom work. Prior teacher instruction is needed for students to work successfully with the program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Homonyms in Context VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Random House COST: \$59.95 BACK-UP DISK? \$10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+ TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 - 40 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
 GED (9-12); X ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill & Practice/Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Recognition and use of homonyms through both drill and game format.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
3		4				
3		4				
3		3				

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer

Use with reservations/changes

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
X		X				

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: Program can be used independently and provides appropriate reinforcement

for the student with immediate feedback. The game is not necessary for the program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Life Coping Skills: <u>Forming Positive Behavior</u>	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Control Data	COST: \$295.00	BACK-UP DISK? Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II+, IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 minutes	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Life Skills/Skill/Knowledge Development		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Simulation, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	One of a series of courses providing students with tools for self-improvement and life management skills.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3		
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3					

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X					

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X					

COMMENTS: May be used independently by adult learners. Screens sometimes contain an excess of text.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Magic Spells	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Learning Company	COST:	\$34.95
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple, IBM-PC Commodore	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 minutes
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	PRE-GED (5-8);	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Spelling/Basic Skill Remediation		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Spell and unscramble words with fourteen word lists. It is possible to create your own word lists.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3		
4					
4					
4					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X					

COMMENTS: The program is excellent for practicing & reinforcing spelling. It is easy to operate and clues to errors are helpful. It should have a record-keeping system for students to assess their performance, and it should repeat problems in which the student had an error.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Master Spell	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	MECC	COST:	\$43.00
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 - 15 min/session
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8);	BACK-UP DISK? Yes
SPECIFIC SUBJECT SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation/ Administrative/Teacher Tool		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tool		
DESCRIPTION:	Program allows teachers to create lists of spelling words to be presented with the teacher's own sentences.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: An easy to use program that allows teachers to create a variety of

personalized lessons. It has a built in management capability.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Math Sequences	VERSION:	_____
PRODUCER:	Milliken	COST:	\$675.00
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	30 min/sitting
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math/Basic Skill Remediation		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Provides drill and practice activities over a comprehensive, objective-based mathematics curriculum for grades 1 - 8.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
4	4			
4	4			
3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: A very comprehensive set of 10 disks covering nearly all skill objectives in basic mathematics. Management system permits individualized assignments. Record keeping system enables teacher to acquire printout of students' performance.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Missing Links	VERSION:	English Editor
PRODUCER:	Surburst	COST:	\$55.00
Ascon, Apple II, Atari,		BACK-UP DISK?	
REQUIREMENTS:	Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	5 - 20 minutes
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Reading/Spelling Skill & knowledge level present		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Skill Program		
DESCRIPTION:	Students fill in the missing letters or words in passages provided by the teacher of varying degrees of difficulty.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6

COMMENTS: Quite a unique method for improving reading comprehension and spelling. The many levels of difficulty available & the ability of the teacher to provide reading passages enable precise customization to user. very appropriate for ESL.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Missing Links</u>		Young People's	VERSION:	<u>Literature</u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Sunburst</u>	COST:	<u>\$50.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Acorn, Apple I, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80</u>		TYPICAL R'N. TIME:	<u>5 - 20 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);</u>				
	<u>X</u>	<u>GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.</u>			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Reading/Spelling/Skill & Knowledge Development</u>				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice</u>				
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Program is in paragraph form with students filling in the blanks with vowels, consonants, or words. May be used as a game.</u>				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
Content Characteristics
Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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3	4			
4	4			
4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend
Use with reservations/changes
Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
	X			
X				

COMMENTS: Motivational program to be used as practice for spelling, context clues, and parts of speech. Readings in this session are not all adult-appropriate. See English Editor Version.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Money! Money!	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Hartley	COST:	\$39.95
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple, IBM	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 min/session 15 sessions
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Life Skills/Basic Skill Remediation		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tool, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Program deals with basic coin recognition, counting and figuring change through simple word problems.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
Content Characteristics
Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
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4		3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend
Use with reservations/changes
Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
X					
		X			

COMMENTS: An easy basic instruction tool for counting change. The program is modifiable and has a simple record-keeping system.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Readability Formula</u>	VERSION:	<u></u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Britannica</u>	COST:	<u>\$49.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple IIe, IIc, II+</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>\$10</u>
		<u>10 min/session</u>	
		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>30 minutes total</u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>X</u> ABE (0-4);	<u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);	
	<u>X</u> GED (9-12);	<u>X</u> ESL:	<u>X</u> PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Utilities/Reading</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Tool</u>		
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Seven different tests may be applied simultaneously to determine the reading level of a passage.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
4				
4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: An excellent tool for computing the reading level of a selection.

The manual is needed for initial use of program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Scripsit VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Radio Shack COST: \$300.00 BACK-UP DISK? _____

REQUIREMENTS: TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRF-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Word Processing/Skill/Knowledge Dev.

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tool

DESCRIPTION: Word Processing package with many advanced features.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
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4						
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Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
X						

COMMENTS: Procedures for basic editing are relatively straight forward. For the more advanced functions, such as merging, a second disk drive is required. Dictionary can be purchased separately & requires second disk drive.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Spelling - Volume I	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	MECC	COST:	\$44.00	BACK-UP DISK?	Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple IIc	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 - 15 minutes		
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Spelling				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tool				
DESCRIPTION:	Multiple choice format for filling in the blank statements.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer			
1	2	3	4
4	4	4	
4	4	4	
4	4	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer			
1	2	3	4
X	X	X	

COMMENTS: Teacher has the ability to create a word list and sentences tailored to specific students. It is a very flexible program. The teacher may edit frames to teach definitions or even foreign languages.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Teacher Utilities: Vol. 1 Review & Review Load	VERSION:	4.2
PRODUCER:	MECC	COST:	BACK-UP DISK?
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Utilities		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice		
DESCRIPTION:	Teacher creates drill and practice review tests that are presented in random order.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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3				
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3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

	1	2	3	
X				

COMMENTS: The program allows teacher a relatively easy format for writing practice and drill questions. Feedback is simple and immediate.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Teaching Tools: Spelling Package	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Teaching Tools: Microcomputer	COST:	\$100.00
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II/IIe; Cassette Recorder with remote jack	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	Variable
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		BACK-UP DISK? Yes
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Spelling/Phonics		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Student hears word on tape recorder and types answer. Highlighted corrections and hints are provided for students.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
4					
N/A					
2					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
X					

COMMENTS: Feedback is pleasant, but student might benefit from additional graphics.

It is easy to enter spelling words and match them with verbal entry. Some teacher assistance is required.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

SOFTWARE PROFILE		
PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Teasers by Tobbs</u>	VERSION: _____	
PRODUCER: <u>Sunburst</u>	COST: <u>\$55.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>
Acorn, Apple II, Atari,		
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____	
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8);		
<u>X</u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u>X</u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Mathematics/Addition & Multiplication</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Drill/Practice, Game</u>		
DESCRIPTION: <u>Addition</u> <u>Multiplication</u> problems involving multistep-variations, missing addends, missing factors.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer					
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2	4	4			
4	4	4			
4	4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommended

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer				
1	2	3		
X	X	X		

COMMENTS: Six levels of problem types ranging from simple addition and multiplication to challenging multistep variations. Format develops an understanding of the relationships between addition & subtraction, & between multiplication & division.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	U.S. Constitution Tutor	VERSION:	_____		
PRODUCER:	Microlab Learning Co.	COST:	\$39.00	BACK-UP DISK?	_____
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 - 20 minutes		
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL;	PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Social Studies/Skill/Knowledge Dev.				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tutorial				
DESCRIPTION:	Familiarizes student with the United States Constitution.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
4				
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3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Program is very useful in classes for Advanced Citizenship

Preparation.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Verbs I	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Milliken	COST:	\$80.00
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II+/-e	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 minutes
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); GED (9-12);	X PRE-GED (5-8); X ESL;	PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Program deals with irregular verbs and problem verb pairs. Each lesson is accompanied by pre-test and post-test.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
4				
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4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Adult students should be able to operate this program independently.

It could be improved by the addition of more examples.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Who, What, Where, When, Why</u>	VERSION:	<u></u>		
PRODUCER:	<u>Hartley</u>	COST:	<u>\$49.94</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>\$12</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>10 - 15 minutes</u>			
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8);	<input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL;	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation</u>				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>				
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Twelve lessons designed to teach students the difference between the words in the title.</u>				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
Content Characteristics
Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
3	4			
3	4			
3	3+			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
	X			
X				

COMMENTS: Short & simple lessons that may be modified by the teacher. A minimum of screen directions & explanations given. Simple record keeping is built in & there is ample practice for student. Graphics display for correct answer is time-consuming and not adult appropriate.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Visicalc	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Scholastic	COST:	\$89.95
Apple, IBM-PC,		BACK-UP DISK? Yes	
REQUIREMENTS:	TRS-80, Commodore 64	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math/Business		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tool		
DESCRIPTION:	A spreadsheet accompanied by a written tutorial.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
4						
4						
3						

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
X					

COMMENTS. Visicalc is a powerful spreadsheet program. It is useful for administrative applications such as budgeting. With a high degree of preparation it could be used as a problem-solving tool for GED teachers.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Word Attack VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Davidson & Assoc. COST: \$49.95 BACK-UP DISK? \$10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM, Commodore TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Vocabulary, Skill & Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: A versatile program that utilizes either built-in content or teacher supplied content.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3		
	4	4	4		
	4	4	4		
	4	4	4		

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer	1	2	3		
	X	X	X		

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: A flexible program for building vocabulary and word attack skills, especially appropriate for ESL. Motivational with proper feedback for adult learners. Nine levels make the program useful for a wide range of abilities.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Wordwright VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: \$49.00 BACK-UP DISK? \$10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: Varies

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Consists of three skill games that teach vocabulary.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer			
1	2	3	4
4	3		
3	2		
3	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer			
1	2	3	4
X	X		

COMMENTS: The program has ample variety in the exercises, but adult learners would find the answer choices too repetitive. Teacher assistance is required for the student to operate this program.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Alligator Game Series for English Usage</u>		VERSION:		
PRODUCER:	<u>Educational Activities</u>	COST:	<u>\$59.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple, TRS-80</u>		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>20 min/ses</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);</u>		<u>X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.</u>		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation</u>				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation</u>				
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Object of the game is to answer questions correctly & reach the top of the Pyramid. Incorrect answers send you down towards a waiting alligator.</u>				

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	
2	4			
2	4			
2	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	
	X			
X				

COMMENTS: The strength of the program lies in its development of skills in noun/pronoun usage, pronoun/verb agreement, preposition usage, adjective/adverb usage, verbs & verb forms. Program is highly motivational. Graphics are somewhat time-consuming. Response to incorrect answers could be improved.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Bank Street Writer	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Scholastic	COST:	\$69.95
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple, Atari, Commodore 64, IBM-PC	BACK-UP DISK?	Yes
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VUC.	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Composition & Word Processing		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tool		
DESCRIPTION:	A word processor that may be utilized in a writing program.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3		
N/A	N/A				
N/A	N/A				
4	4				

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X	X				

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: An appropriate word processor for new users. A tutorial is available on the second side of the disk. The expanded version (\$125) gives a choice of 40 or 80 column display.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Basic English Skills - Parts of Speech VERSION:

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: \$349.00 BACK-UP DISK? \$80

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 - 20 min/session
2 hours total

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Remediation & Skill Developmt

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Consists of 28 lessons, each lesson begins with a tutorial section and is followed by a practice section.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4	4	4					
4	4	4					
3	4	4					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
X	X	X					

COMMENTS: Diskettes for adverbs, nouns, and verbs are highly recommended for their clear presentation.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Basic English Skills - Sentences Disk 1</u>		VERSION:		
PRODUCER:	<u>Britannica</u>	COST:	<u>\$49.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>\$10</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple IIc/e</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:			<u>20 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4);</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u>		
	<u>X</u>	<u>GEO (9-12);</u>	<u>ESL;</u>	<u>PRE-VOC.</u>	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation</u>				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>				
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Instruction and practice in sentence construction.</u>				
<u>Identification of the subject of a sentence.</u>					

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	
4	3	2	
3	2	3	
3	3	3	

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	
X			
	X	X	

COMMENTS: Program reinforces the idea of sentence expressing a complete thought.Pretests, excellent screen directions, and ample opportunity for student feedbackare program strengths. Examples could be improved.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Basic English Skills - Sentences, Disk 2 VERSION:

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: \$49.00 BACK-UP DISK? \$10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc, IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 20 - 30 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);

GED (9-12); X ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Identification of predicate nouns, simple and complete predicates, complete sentences and fragments.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4	4			
3	3			
4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: Strengths of the program are the clear directions, appropriate feedback, use of highlighting, and available worksheets. The program would be improved if grammar tutorial sections preceded the practice sections.

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Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Building Better Sentences	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	Milton Bradley	COST:	\$49.95	BACK-UP DISK?	
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:			15 - 20 min/session 1 1/2 - 2 hrs total
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8);			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Skill/Knowledge Development				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Tool				
DESCRIPTION:	Program teaches student to recognize sentence parts & to combine them to make more effective and interesting grammatical structures.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3		
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4					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X					

COMMENTS: An easy to use, sound basic grammar lesson. The program might be improved with more examples. The cumulative test allows student to gain points for the game, Alien Raiders.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Capitalization VERSION: 4.12.84

PRODUCER: Hartley COST: \$49.95 BACK-UP DISK? No
48K A;le II/e

REQUIREMENTS: Single Disk Drive TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes/lesson

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Capitalization

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: One disk is tutorial and the other is testing. A simple review of capitalization.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer			
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3	4		
3	4		

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer			
1	2	3	
	X		
X			

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: An appropriate source of low level material for adult learners. The directions are clear and concise and the presentation of rules is slow and methodical.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Grammar Mastery	VERSION:	Series A
PRODUCER:	Regents/AIA	COST:	\$ 39.95/disk \$195.00/series
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	20 min/session
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Basics of English grammar covering verbs, nouns, pronouns, prepositions, adjectives and adverbs.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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3	3	3		
1	2	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X	X		

COMMENTS: Program would be an appropriate reinforcement to classroom work. Prior teacher instruction is needed for students to work successfully with the program.

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Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Homonyms in Context</u>		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	<u>Random House</u>	COST:	<u>\$59.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK? <u>\$10</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u>30 - 40 minutes</u>		
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8);	<input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Language Arts</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill & Practice/Simulation</u>			
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Recognition and use of homonyms through both drill and game format.</u>			

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	
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Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer	1	2	3	
X	X			

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: Program can be used independently and provides appropriate reinforcement

for the student with immediate feedback. The game is not necessary for the program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Long Vowels	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Intellectual Software	COST:	BACK-UP DISK?
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10-15 min/session 55 min/disk	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	PRE-GED (5-8);	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice		
DESCRIPTION:	Program teaches students to recognize words with long vowel sounds.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
Content Characteristics
Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

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4	4			
4	3			
3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend
Use with reservations/changes
Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X	X			

COMMENTS: Sample lessons and instructions are both potentially useful for

adult learners. Some difficulty in exiting from the program exists.

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Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Magic Spells</u>	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	<u>Learning Company</u>	COST:	<u>\$34.95</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple, IBM-PC</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>\$10</u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>Commodore</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>15 minutes</u>
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Language Arts/Spelling/Basic Skill Remediation</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Spell and unscramble words with fourteen word lists. It is possible to create your own word lists.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3		
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4					

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X					

COMMENTS: The program is excellent for practicing & reinforcing spelling. It is

easy to operate and clues to errors are helpful. It should have a record-keeping

system for students to assess their performance, and it should repeat problems in which the student had an error.

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Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Master Spell	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	MECC	COST:	\$43.00	BACK-UP DISK?	Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 - 15 min/session		
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8);			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation/ Administrative/Teacher Tool				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tool				
DESCRIPTION:	Program allows teachers to create lists of spelling words to be presented with the teacher's own sentences.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
Content Characteristics
Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
3		4			
4					
4		4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
X	X				

COMMENTS: An easy to use program that allows teachers to create a variety of
personalized lessons. It has a built in management capability.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

<u>SOFTWARE PROFILE</u>					
PROGRAM TITLE:	P. F. S. Write	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	Software Publishing Company	COST:	\$125.00	BACK-UP DISK?	No
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple IIe/c, IBM-PC	TYPICAL RUNTIME:			
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.				
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Word Processing/Skill/Knowl. Dev.				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tool				
DESCRIPTION:	Tutorial disk, instruction manual, and on-screen help options. Can write documents up to 16 pages long.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	
4				
4				
4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	
X				

COMMENTS: This word processing program has advanced editing, text movement, and print features, yet should not be difficult for adult students to operate. The screen displays the actual print-out.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	SAT - English I	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Microlab Inc.	COST:	\$39.00
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Grammar & Usage		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	TocI, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Vocabulary, analogies, usage, and comprehension drill presented in SAT format.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
3	3			
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2	3			

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommended

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
X	X			

COMMENTS: Although the level of difficulty of typical SAT English questions may be high for GED students, many of the grammar, sentence completion, and reading comprehension items may be appropriate and challenging for GED preparation. Some technical difficulties exist in exiting from the program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Sentence Combining VERSION: 1 - 10
PRODUCER: Milliken COST: \$195.00 BACK-UP DISK? \$95
REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: open-ended
APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ESI; X PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Remediation
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial, Drill/Practice,
DESCRIPTION: A series of lessons geared to teaching student to write
complete and fluent sentences.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
2	3			
2	3			
2	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
	X			
X				

COMMENTS: Content was much more appropriate in lessons 11 - 18 than in lessons

1 - 10. Management system permits individualized assignments and printed record
keeping.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Short Vowels	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	Intellectual Software	COST:	\$21.95	BACK-UP DISK?	
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple/Commodore	TYPICAL RUNTIME:			
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice				
DESCRIPTION:	Program teaches students to recognize words with short vowel sounds.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

	1	2	3		
3		3			
3		4			
3		3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				
	X			

COMMENTS: An excellent program for use with Special Education students. Teacher assistance is required for students to operate this program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Spelling Demons VERSION: DOS 3.3

PRODUCER: Rnandom House COST: \$59.95 BACK-UP DISK? \$10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II+/e TYPICAL RUNTIME: 30 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); PRE-GED (5-8);
GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Provides spelling drill and practice and familiarizes
students with write testing method. Includes manager.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
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4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Program may be operated by student independently and is challenging without frustrating the student. Response time should in some instances be made faster.

Distinguishing between the letters "H" and "W" may be a potential problem to some users.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Spelling Volume I VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: MECC COST: \$44.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIc TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); PRE-GED (5-8);
 GED (9-12); X ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tool

DESCRIPTION: Multiple choice format for filling in the blank statements.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
4	4	4		
4	4	4		
4	4	4		

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer		
1	2	3
X	X	X

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: Teacher has the ability to create a word list and sentences tailored to specific students. It is a very flexible program. The teacher may edit frames to teach definitions or even foreign languages.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Spelling - Volume II VERSION: 3
PRODUCER: MECC COST: \$44.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes
REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes
APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Tool
DESCRIPTION: Multiple choice format for filling in the blank statements.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
Content Characteristics
Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
Instructional Characteristics	4	2	1	4		
Content Characteristics	4	3	1	3		
Technical Characteristics	3	2	1	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend
Use with reservations/changes
Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
Highly Recommend	X		X			
Use with reservations/changes		X				
Not recommended for adults						

COMMENTS: Program can be operated independently by the student. Vocabulary words are challenging. The student might benefit from more time for response.
Instructor is able to provide his/her own content to precisely test the students' needs.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Spell It VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Davidson COST: \$49.95 BACK-UP DISK? \$10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, IBM, Commodore TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Spelling

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Four learning activities including a game.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
4	4	4		
4	4	4		
4	4	4		

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer		
1	2	3
X	X	X

COMMENTS: The spelling rules are presented clearly and the program has an editor allowing the teacher to create her own list.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Verbs 1	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	Milliken	CDST:	\$80.00	BACK-UP DISK?	\$40
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II+/e	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 minutes		
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8);			
	GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial				
DESCRIPTION:	Program deals with irregular verbs and problem verb pairs. Each lesson is accompanied by pre-test and post-test.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
4				
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4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Adult students should be able to operate this program independently.

It could be improved by the addition of more examples.

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Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Vocabulary Skills (Context Clues)	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Milton Bradley	COST:	\$40.95
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	BACK-UP DISK?	15 - 20 min/session
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); GED (5-12);	X PRE-GED (5-8); ESL; PRE-VOC.	6 lessons
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Vocabulary		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Student matches words and definitions. Lessons provide the definitions.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer			
1	2	3	4
2	4	2	
2	4	2	
2	4	2	

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer			
1	2	3	4
	X		
X		X	

COMMENTS: The program provides the student with definitions, explanations and the opportunity for practice and review. The adult learner might benefit from a greater number of answer choices.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Who, What, Where, When, Why</u>	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	<u>Hartley</u>	COST:	<u>\$49.94</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>10 - 15 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>X</u> ABE (0-4); <u>X</u> PRE-GED (5-8); <u> </u> GED (9-12); <u>X</u> ESL; <u> </u> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Twelve lessons designed to teach students the difference between the words in the title.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
3	4			
3	4			
3	3+			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
	X			
X				

COMMENTS: Short & simple lessons that may be modified by the teacher. A minimum of
screen directions & explanation of errors given. Simple record keeping is built in &
there is ample practice for student. Graphics display for correct answer is time-
consuming and not adult appropriate.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Wizard of Words	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	Advanced Ideas	COST:	\$39.95	BACK-UP DISK?	
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple, IBM, Commodore	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 - 20 minutes		
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input type="checkbox"/> ESL;	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Language Arts/Spr'ling/Dictionary Usage				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Simulation				
DESCRIPTION:	Five games with eight levels of difficulty.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
3					
4					
4					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
X					

COMMENTS: Teacher has the option of entering his own word list. The student develops skill in use of the dictionary since the program does not supply definitions.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Wordwright VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: \$49.00 BACK-UP DISK? \$10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: Varies

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Consists of three skill games that teach vocabulary.

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
4		3			
3		2			
3		3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
X		X			

COMMENTS: The program has ample variety in the exercises, but adult learners would find the answer choices too repetitive. Teacher assistance is required for the student to operate this program.

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Language Arts

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Writing Skills VERSION: 1.0

PRODUCER: Peachtree COST: \$39.95 BACK-UP DISK? _____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 45 min/disk

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); _____ ESL; _____ PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Language Arts/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: A series of five programs that focus on correcting the most common writing mistakes by sharpening self-editing skills.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

		Reviewer			
		1	2	3	4
1		1			
3		1			
2		1			

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

		Reviewer			
		1	2	3	4
X					
	<td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	X			

COMMENTS: Teacher assistance is required for students to operate this program successfully.

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Life Skills

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Career Directions</u>	VERSION:	<u>1</u>
System Design			
PRODUCER:	<u>Associates, Inc.</u>	COST:	<u>\$89.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple II</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>1 hour</u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4);</u>	<u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u>	
	<u>X GED (9-12);</u>	<u>ESL;</u>	<u>X PRE-VOC.</u>
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Life Skills/Diagnostic/Prescriptive</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Student answers questions that lead to a print-out of a profile of interests, abilities, and suggested careers.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
4					
4					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
X					

COMMENTS: A reasonable, useful and informative program that can help students

in planning for their goals.

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Life Skills

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Daily Living Skills: Banking & Credit VERSION: DOS 3.3

PRODUCER: Britannica COST: \$59.00 BACK-UP DISK? \$10

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II/e/c TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 - 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ESL; X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Life Skills/Banking & Credit

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutorial/Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Introduces the fundamental aspects of bank accounts, both saving & checking. Presents basic credit concepts: obtaining credit, using credit cards -- limits and service charges.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
3	4			
3	3			
3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
	X			
X				

COMMENTS: Relevant to adult life style and needs. Presentation of information is sequential. Animated graphics are useful if used in conjunction with supplementary teacher explanations and materials.

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Life Skills

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Life Coping Skills</u>	VERSION:	<u>Building Relationships</u>		
PRODUCER:	<u>Plato</u>	COST:	<u>\$295.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple II+, IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>30 minutes</u>		
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);</u>			<u>X GED (9-12);</u>	<u>ESL; X PRE-VOC.</u>
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Life Skills/Interpersonal Skills</u>				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Tutorial</u>				
DESCRIPTION:	<u>A series of courses (19 disks) that provide students with tools for self-improvement and life management skills.</u>				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	2					
2	2					
3	3					

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
X	X					

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: Content level is very basic and needs further development through discussion. Presentations could have been more briskly paced.

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Life Skills

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Life Coping Skills Forming Positive Behavior		VERSION:		
PRODUCER:	Control Data	COST:	\$295.00	BACK-UP DISK?	Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II+, IIe		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	30 minutes	
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8);			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Life Skills/Skill/Knowledge Development				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Simulation, Tutorial				
DESCRIPTION:	One of a series of courses providing students with tools for self-improvement and life management skills.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	
4				
3				
3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

Reviewer	1	2	3	
X				

COMMENTS: May be used independently by adult learner. Screens sometimes contain an excess of text.

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Life Skills

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Life Coping Skills	VERSION:	Increasing Self-Esteem		
PRODUCER:	Plato	COST:	\$295.00	BACK-UP DISK?	Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II+, IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	1 hour		
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.				
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Life Skills/Personal Awareness				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tutorial				
DESCRIPTION:	One of a series of courses providing students with tools for self-improvement and life management skills.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
4	4					
4		3				
3	3					

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
X						
		X				

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: Program is readable, generally interesting to adults, and provides fundamental counseling. It reinforces positive thinking. Responses could have shown more variety.

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Life Skills

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Money! Money!	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	Hartley	COST:	\$39.95	BACK-UP DISK?	No
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple, IBM	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 min/session	15 sessions	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Life Skills/Basic Skill Remediation				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tool, Tutorial				
DESCRIPTION:	Program deals with basic coin recognition, counting and figuring change through simple word problems.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4
4	3		
4	3		
4	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4
X			
	X		

COMMENTS: An easy basic instruction tool for counting change. The program is modifiable and has a simple record-keeping system.

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Math

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Adding Fractions	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Microcomputer Workshops	COST:	\$24.95 each \$90.00 series
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	20 minutes
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABC (0-4); GED (9-12);	X PRE-GED (5-8); ESL; PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Series of exercises designed to reinforce skill in adding fractions.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
4						
4						
4						

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
X						

COMMENTS: Exercises are randomly generated and errors are explained to the student.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Arithmetic Classroom - Decimals VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Sterling Swift COST: \$49.95 BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: Apple II, IBM-PC TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/lesson
1 hour total

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: One of a total of 8 learning packages. Each package contains a
lesson diskette, a practice workbook & achievement record forms. All test
various levels of competence.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
4		1			
4		1			
3		1			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
X					

COMMENTS: Problems are randomly generated and instructional hints are provided

for incorrect responses.

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Math

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	The Arithmetic Classroom - Division	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	Sterling Swift	COST:	\$49.95	BACK-UP DISK?	
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II, IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	20 min/session	2 hours total	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.				
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Mathematics/Division & Multiplication				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial				
DESCRIPTION:	There are five or six lessons with mastery checks. Content is geared to basic skill development for multiplication and division.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
4	4	4			
4	3	3			
4	4	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/change

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
X	X	X			

COMMENTS: A practice workbook and achievement record sheet are included with the package. The program allows students to progress as they pass various levels of testing.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Arithmetic Classroom Fractions: Addition & Subtraction VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Sterling Swift COST: \$49.95 BACK-UP DISK? _____

REQUIREMENTS: Apple II TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 min/session 1 hour total

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial

DESCRIPTION: Student completes achievement record after each lesson.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	1	2	1	3	1	
4						
4						
3						

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	
X			

COMMENTS: May be used appropriately to provide reinforcement for math skills

previously learned.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	The Arithmetic Classroom Fractions: Basic Concepts	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Sterling Swift	COST: \$49.95	BACK-UP DISK?
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II, IBM-PC	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 - 15 min/lesson 1 hour total
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); GED (9-12);	X PRE-GED (5-8); ESL; PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Program consists of lessons at varicus levels of competence. Student completes achievement record after each lesson.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
4						
4						
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RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
X						

COMMENTS: Fractions are presented with visual models. Tutorial is followed by practice problems to test understanding.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	The Arithmetic Classroom Fractions: Multiplication & Division		VERSION:
PRODUCER:	Sterling Swift	COST:	\$49.95
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II	BACK-UP DISK?	10 - 15 min/session
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); GED (9-12);	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	1 hour total
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Student completes achievement record after each lesson. Program is designed to develop skills in multiplying and dividing fractions.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer			
1	2	3	
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3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	
x			

COMMENTS: Instructional hints are provided and program comes with a practice workbook. Student must complete a lesson before exiting the program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Building Basic Math Skills</u>	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	<u>Merit Audio Visual</u>	COST:	<u>\$34.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>\$10</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple IIc/+</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>15 min/session</u>		
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4);</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u>		
	<u>X</u>	<u>GED (9-12);</u>	<u>ESL;</u>	<u>PRE-VOC.</u>	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Math</u>				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice</u>				
DESCRIPTION:	<u>The program is designed to develop and strengthen the student's skills in rounding numbers.</u>				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
3				
3				
3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Program provides practice for students in rounding numbers.

It has appropriate feedback and reinforcement to users' responses.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Discover What Graphs Can Tell You VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Media Materials, COST: \$39.95 BACK-UP DISK? _____

Inc.

REQUIREMENTS: Apple TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 15 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Reading Graphs

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Tutor

DESCRIPTION: Disk contains tutorial lesson and then student can go on to the workbook for drill and practice of concepts.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	
4			
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3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	
X			

COMMENTS: This program contains a single lesson for student practice. Further knowledge of graphing is developed through use of accompanying workbook.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Dividing Fractions	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Microcomputer Workshops	COST:	\$24.95 each \$90.00 series
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	20 min/session
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); GED (9-12);	X PRE-GED (5-8); ESL;	PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Series of exercises that reinforce students skill at dividing fractions.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3		
4				
4				
4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Exercises are randomly generated. Immediate feedback for errors and the errors are classified at the end of each problem as to the area -- i.e. computational or least common denominator.

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Math

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Elementary Math - Volume 3</u>	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	<u>MECC</u>	COST:	<u>\$45.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>Yes</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple IIc, IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>15 min/session</u>		
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4);</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Math/Basic Skill Remediation</u>				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>				
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Analysis of basic geometrical figures.</u>				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3		
4		4	4		
4		4	3		
2		3	4		

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X			X		
		X			

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: Graphics are used appropriately to reinforce geometric concepts of

area and perimeter.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>The Factory</u>	VERSION:	<u></u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Sunburst</u>	COST:	<u>\$55.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Acorn, Apple, Commodore,</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>Yes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>Atari, IBM-PC, TRS-80</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>15 min/session</u>
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>ABE (0-4); PRE-GED (5-8);</u> <u>X GEO (9-12); X ESL; PRE-VOC.</u>			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Math/Problem Solving</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Simulation</u>			
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program simulates a factory and student is required to use eight machine operations to create a geometric shape.</u>			

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
4	4			
4	3			
3	4			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
X	X			

COMMENTS: An excellent program for developing sequencing skills and visual reading.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Fraction Factory VERSION: _____

PRODUCER: Springboard COST: \$30.00 BACK-UP DISK? No

REQUIREMENTS: Apple IIe TYPICAL RUNTIME: 1 hour

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Math/Basic Skill Remediation

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation

DESCRIPTION: Game format dealing with proportions and reducing fractions.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
3					
3					
2					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
X					

COMMENTS: Excellent practice program for fractions that may be used independently or as a game between two learners.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Mathematics Activities Courseware</u>	VERSION:	<u>Level 7</u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Houghton-Mifflin</u>	COST:	<u>\$150.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4);</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u>
	<u>X</u>	<u>GED (9-12);</u>	<u>ESL;</u>
			<u>PRE-VOC.</u>
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Mathematics/Enrichment</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial, Simulation</u>		
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Program combines sue of drilling exercises and games in an effort to improve student's basic math skills.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3		
2		1			
3		3			
3		3			

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X	X				

COMMENTS. Improved screen directions would enhance new user's ability to run the program independently. Program can be exited with ease. A variety of activities available on the disk. A wealth of supplementary materials available within the documentation.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Math Sequences</u>		VERSION:		
PRODUCER:	<u>Milliken</u>	COST:	<u>\$675.00</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u> </u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple</u>		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>30 min/sitting</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>ABE (0-4);</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>GED (9-12);</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>ESL;</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>PRE-VOC.</u>
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Math/Basic Skill Remediation</u>				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>				
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Provides drill and practice activities over a comprehensive, objective-based mathematics curriculum for grades 1 -8.</u>				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY. 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer					
1	2	3			
4	4				
4	4				
3	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer					
1	2	3			
X	X				

COMMENTS: A very comprehensive set of 10 discs covering nearly all skill objectives in basic mathematics. Management system permits individualized assignments. Record-keeping system enables teacher to acquire printout of students' performance.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
4				
4				
4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer		1	2	3		
X						

COMMENTS: Has a variety of drills. Requires student to try problem twice before supplying solutions. The program refers the student to the instructor after the third mistake. Printed reports of student progress available through well designed management system.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Multiplying Fractions</u>	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	<u>Microcomputer Workshops</u>	COST:	<u>\$24.95 ea</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>20 min/session</u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4);</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u>
	<u>GED (9-12);</u>	<u>ESL;</u>	<u>PRE-VOC.</u>
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Math</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Tutorial</u>		
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Drill and practice in multiplying fractions.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
4						
4						
4						

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
X						

COMMENTS: Immediate and useful feedback provided upon user error.

Errors are classified as to computational or misuse of rule.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: The Pond VERSION: 1209BC

PRODUCER: Sunburst COST: \$55.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

REQUIREMENTS: Apple, Atari, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10 - 40 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); ESL: X PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Problem Solving/Pattern Recognition

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Game

DESCRIPTION: A game that uses observation of screen movements to develop pattern recognition ability.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
3	4				
3	4				
4	4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5	6
X	X				

COMMENTS: Makes excellent use of graphics and non-verbal communications while teaching elements of problem solving. The difficulty level is adjustable to various ability levels. Motivational format.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Sem Calc</u>	VERSION:	<u></u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Sunburst</u>	COST:	<u>\$95.00</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Acorn, Apple II, Atari, TRS-80</u>	BACK-UP DISK?	<u>Yes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>X ABE (0-4); X GED (9-12);</u>	<u>PRE-GED (5-8); ESL; PRE-VOC.</u>	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Math/Basic Skill Remediation</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Tool, Program</u>		
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Problem solving using a built in calculator.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 4 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
Content Characteristics
Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
4		2	2	4	
4		2	2	4	
4		1	1	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
X				X	
	X	X			

COMMENTS: Comprehensive documentation must be utilized for program operation. A powerful & versatile tool for teaching problem-solving strategies. Teacher supplies problems to be solved by students. Students must learn to utilize the program before dealing with applications.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Subtracting Mixed Fractions	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Microcomputer Workshops	COST:	\$24.95 each 90.00 series
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	20 min/session
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); GED (9-12);	X	PRE-GED (5-8); ESL; PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Series of problems that drill students in the subtraction of mixed fractions.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
4				
4				
4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Errors are immediately flagged and explained. At the end of each problem, errors are classified as: incorrect use of rule, computation, or least common denominator.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Survival Math VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: Aquarious People Materials, Inc. COST: \$29.95 BACK-UP DISK? \$10
REQUIREMENTS: Apple II TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 min/session
APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Mathematics/Daily Living
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial
DESCRIPTION: Problem solving for every day encounters with
checkbooks, purchasing, fractions, decimals, and percents.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
2				
2				
2				
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2				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer				
1	2	3		
X				

COMMENTS: Presentation includes only one set of problems with no randomization apparent.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Teasers by Tobbs</u>	VERSION:	<u> </u>
PRODUCER:	<u>Sunburst</u>	COST:	<u>\$55.00</u>
<u>Acorn, Apple II, Atari,</u>		BACK-UP DISK? <u>Yes</u>	
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: <u> </u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8);	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Mathematics/Addition & Multiplication</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Drill/Practice, Game</u>		
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Addition and multiplicaiton problems involving multistep variations, missing addends, missing factors.</u>		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer			
1	2	3	4
2	4	4	
4	4	4	
4	4	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer			
1	2	3	4
X	X	X	

COMMENTS: Six levels of problem types ranging from simple addition and multiplication to challenging multistep variations. Format develops an understanding of the relationships between addition and subtraction, and between multiplication & division.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Comprehension Power	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Milliken	COST:	\$150.00/level/4 disks 40.00/disk
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II+ IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 minutes
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Reading/Basic Skill Remediation		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice		
DESCRIPTION:	Skill building program for students at reading levels four through twelve.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
4				
4				
3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: An excellent program for controlled reading. Would be appropriate for for use with Special Education students.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Cloze Plus Program			VERSION:		
PRODUCER:	Milliken	COST:	\$425.00	BACK-UP DISK?	\$210	
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple			TYPICAL RUNTIME:	As needed	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ABE (0-4);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PRE-GED (5-8);		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ESL;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Reading					
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice					
DESCRIPTION:	Program develops comprehension and vocabulary skills.					

SUMMARY

Based Upon 4 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	
4	4	2	4	
4	4	3	4	
3	4	3	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	
X	X		X	
		X		

COMMENTS: The ability of users to ask for clues is one of the positive features of the program. The graphics are not really needed and may detract from the program. Content is generally interesting and adult appropriate.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: <u>Th Horse</u>	VERSION: _____
PRODUCER: <u>Pomfret House</u>	COST: _____ BACK-UP DISK? _____
REQUIREMENTS: <u>Apple IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME: _____
APPROPRIATE USES: <u>ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);</u> <u>GED (9-12); ESL; PRE-VOC.</u>	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Skill/Knowledge Development</u>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tutorial</u>	
DESCRIPTION: <u>Program gives the student a passage to read and then the student answers questions.</u>	

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
4				
4				
4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: Program is designed for students who are at least on a fifth grade reading level. Vocabulary reinforcement is an added feature of the program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Missing Links	VERSION:	English Editor
PRODUCER:	Sunburst	COST:	\$55.00
REQUIREMENTS:		BACK-UP DISK?	
Acorn, Apple II, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80		Yes	
TYPICAL RUNTIME:		5 - 20 minutes	
APPROPRIATE USES:		ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Reading/Spelling/Skill & Knowledge Development</u>			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Skill Program</u>			
DESCRIPTION: <u>Students fill in the missing letters or words to passages (provided by the teacher) of varying degrees of difficulty.</u>			

SUMMARYBased Upon 3 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
3	4	3		
4	4	3		
2	4	3		

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
	X	X		
X				

COMMENTS: Cloze technique employed for improving reading comprehension, vocabulary, & spelling. The many levels of difficulty available & the ability of the teacher to provide reading passages enable precise customization to user. Very appropriate for ESL.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Missing Links

Young People's
Literature

PRODUCER: Sunburst COST: \$55.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes

Acorn, Apple II, Atari,

REQUIREMENTS: Commodore, IBM-PC, TRS-80 TYPICAL RUNTIME: 5 - 20 minutes

APPROPRIATE USES: ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; PRE-VOC.

SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Spelling/Skill & Knowledge Development

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice

DESCRIPTION: Program is paragraph form with students filling in the blanks
with vowels, consonants, or words. May be used as a game.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer			
1	2	3	4
3	4		
4	4		
4	4		

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Reviewer			
1	2	3	4
	X		
X			

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

COMMENTS: Motivational program to be used as practice for spelling, context clues,
and parts of speech. Readings in this session are not all adult-appropriate. See
English Editor version.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Beginning Consonants	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Intellectual Software	COST:	BACK-UP DISK?
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II/IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 - 15 minutes
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL;	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Basic Skill Remediation			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/practice			
DESCRIPTION: Program introduces readers to consonants.			

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3		
4					
3					
3					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X					

COMMENTS: Improves ability to recognize consonant sounds by requiring the user to relate a variety of pictures to word choices.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Reading and Thinking	VERSION:	1982
PRODUCER:	Queue, Inc.	COST:	\$79.95
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple, IBM-PC	TYPICAL RUNTIME: 10-15 min/session 1 hr/total program	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (C-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Basic Skill Remediation			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial		
DESCRIPTION:	Requires students to deal with inferential thinking to answer the questions.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
4	3			
3	3			
3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X	X			

COMMENTS: A program appropriate for beginning readers. The correct answers are explained through clues from the text. Reproducable worksheets available.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Speed Reader II	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Davidson & Associates	COST:	\$69.95
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II+/IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	15 min/lesson
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Reading/Basic Skill Remediation		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill		
DESCRIPTION:	A six-part reading program that uses either built-in content or teacher supplied content.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
1						
2						
3						
4						

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
X						

COMMENTS: The program allows the student a choice of reading rate and gives timed reading test. Teacher can modify content to be appropriate for both ABE and GED students.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Tutorial Comprehension		VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Random House	COST:	\$995.00 complete 79.95/level	BACK-UP DISK? \$10/disk
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II, TRS-80		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Reading			
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tutorial			
DESCRIPTION:	A series of menu-driven programs to improve reading skills in main idea, detail, inference, and sequence.			

SUMMARY

Based Upon 4 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
	4	4	3	2	
	4	3	3	2	
	3	3	2	4	

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	
	X	X	X		
				X	

COMMENTS: Graphics enhance the program. Documentation must be carefully read before operating the programs. Content not always appropriate for adult learners.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Vowels	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Hartley	COST:	\$93.95
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple IIe, Franklin 1000 Cassette Recorder	BACK-UP DISK?	Yes
		10-20min/lesson	
		TYPICAL RUNTIME:	53 lessons
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL;	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Reading/Basic Skill Remediation		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice		
DESCRIPTION:	Audio component from cassette recorder is synchronized with the monitor. Directions are given to student auditorially.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3		
4					
4					
4					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X					

COMMENTS: An excellent way to teach phonics and spelling to beginning readers.

It is time consuming for teachers to make their own tapes. Program might be

enhanced if students had a chance to review errors after each section.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Word Attack	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	Davidson & Assoc.	COST:	\$49.95	BACK-UP DISK?	\$10
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple, IBM, Commodore	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	10 - 15 minutes		
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL;	PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Reading/Vocabulary, Skill & Knowledge Development					
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill, Tutorial				
DESCRIPTION:	A versatile program that utilizes either built-in content or teacher supplied content.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer			
1	2	3	
4	4	4	
4	4	4	
4	4	4	

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer		
1	2	3
X	X	X

COMMENTS: A flexible program for building vocabulary and word attack skills, especially appropriate for ESL. Motivational with proper feedback for adult learners. Nine levels make the program useful for a wide range of abilities.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Systems of the Human Body</u>	VERSION:	<u></u>
PRODUCER:	Little Shaver Ed. <u>Software Company</u>	COST:	<u>\$ 29.95 ea</u> <u>\$150.00 series</u>
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>30 - 40 minutes</u>
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4);</u> <u>X PRE-GED (5-8);</u> <u>X GED (9-12);</u> <u>ESL;</u> <u>PRE-VOC.</u>		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	<u>Science/Biology, Skill/ Knowledge Development</u>		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	<u>Tutorial/Simulation</u>		
DESCRIPTION:	<u>Each section of program has: 1) vocabulary/definitions, 2) fill in blanks, 3) passages and simulations, 4) test.</u>		

SUMMARYBased Upon 2 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
4	3			
3	3			
4	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
X	X			

COMMENTS: A useful supplement to science text materials. Review available as needed. The test displays the number of correct answers. User can easily return to menu at any time.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Meet the Presidents	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	Versa Computing, Inc.	COST:	\$39.95	BACK-UP DISK?	
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II	TYPICAL RUNTIME:			
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Social Studies/U.S. Presidents				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Game				
DESCRIPTION:	A slide show is available to run before the students begin the program.				

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
4					
4					
4					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
X					

COMMENTS: It would be helpful to run the slide show first. The students should make a list of the presidents to use as a reference tool when running the program and playing the game.

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Social Studies

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	President Elect Strategies	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	simulations, Inc.	COST:	\$45.00	BACK-UP DISK?	
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	30 minutes		
APPROPRIATE USES:	ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Social Studies/history/Enrichment				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Simulation				
DESCRIPTION:	Strategy simulation of presidential election.				

SUMMARY

Based Upon 2 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
3	3			
3	4			
4	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
			X	X

COMMENTS: The program is appropriate for upper level readers. Program assumes some background knowledge on the part of the student.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
4				
4				
3				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X					

COMMENTS: Program is very useful in classes for Advanced Citizenship Preparation.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Dasher	VERSION:			
PRODUCER:	Conduit	COST:	\$150.00	BACK-UP DISK?	Yes
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple II+, IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME:			
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.			
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Utilities, LANGUAGE Arts				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tool				
DESCRIPTION:	4 Diskettes (English, Spanish, French, German) with special characters for each language. Authoring program for creating drill & practice exercises.				

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
Content Characteristics
Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	
4				
4				
4				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend
Use with reservations/changes
Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	
X				

COMMENTS: Program allows teacher to readily create content appropriate for adult learners. Its' biggest strength is a unique error-checking system which checks responses letter-by-letter, forcing user to retype misspelled letters. Very useful for grammar practice for foreign language study.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	<u>Mastertype</u>	VERSION:	<u>Scarborough</u>	
PRODUCER:	<u>Systems</u>	COST:	<u>\$39.95</u>	BACK-UP DISK?
		<u>Atari, Comm., IBM-PC/XT/PC JR</u>		
REQUIREMENTS:	<u>Apple II, II+, IIe</u>	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	<u>20 - 45 minutes</u>	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<u>ABE (0-4);</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>PRE-GED (5-8);</u>	
	<u>X</u>	<u>GED (9-12);</u>	<u>ESL;</u>	
	<u>X</u>	<u>PRE-VOC.</u>		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: <u>Typing/Keyboard Instruction/Skill Development</u>				
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: <u>Tutorial, Simulation</u>				
DESCRIPTION: <u>Typing drills, finger postioning exercises and sentence</u>				
<u>practice. Variety of levels.</u>				

SUMMARYBased Upon: 3 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
 Content Characteristics
 Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	2.5		4	4			
	3		4	4			
	3		3	3			

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend
 Use with reservations/changes
 Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		X	X				
	X						

COMMENTS: It is important to use instructional booklet first, but the program
does not require an instructor. It allows students to advance at an individual
pace.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Readability Formula	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Britannica	COST:	\$49.00
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple IIe, IIc, II+	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	30 minutes total 10 min/session
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Utilities/Reading		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tool		
DESCRIPTION:	Seven different tests may be applied simultaneously to determine the reading level of a passage.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer

1	2	3	4	5
X				

COMMENTS: An excellent tool for computing the reading level of a selection.

The manual is needed for initial use of program.

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SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Scripsit	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Radio Shack	COST:	\$300.00
REQUIREMENTS:	TRS-80	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Word Processing/Skill/Knowledge Dev.		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tool		
DESCRIPTION:	Word Processing package with many advanced features.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics
Content Characteristics
Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
1						
2						
3						

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend
Use with reservations/changes
Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5	6
X						

COMMENTS: Procedures for basic editing are relatively straight forward.

For the more advanced features, such as merging, a second disk drive is required. Dictionary can be purchased separately & requires a second disk drive

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Teacher Utilities: Vol. 1 Review & Review Load	VERSION:	4.2
PRODUCER:	MECC	COST:	BACK-UP DISK?
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple IIe	TYPICAL RUNTIME: 15 minutes	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Utilities		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice		
DESCRIPTION:	Teacher created drill and practice review tests that are presented in random order.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3		
3					
3					
3					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3		
X					

COMMENTS: The program allows teacher a relatively easy format for writing practice and drill questions. Feedback is simple and immediate.

MASSACHUSETTS ADULT SOFTWARE SPECIALISTS

Utilities

SUMMARY REVIEW FORM

SOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE: Teaching Tools: Spelling Package VERSION: _____
Teaching Tools:
PRODUCER: Microcomputer COST: \$100.00 BACK-UP DISK? Yes
Apple II/IIE; Cassette
REQUIREMENTS: Recorder w/remote jack TYPICAL RUNTIME: Variable
APPROPRIATE USES: X ABE (0-4); X PRE-GED (5-8);
X GED (9-12); X ESL; X PRE-VOC.
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA: Spelling/Phonics
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE: Drill/Practice, Tutorial
DESCRIPTION: Student hears word on tape recorder and types answer. High-lighted corrections and hints are provided for students.

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer				
1	2	3	4	5
4				
N/A				
2				

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer			
1	2	3	
X			

COMMENTS: Feedback is pleasant, but student might benefit from additional graphics

It is easy to enter spelling words and match them with verbal entry. Some teacher assistance is required.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Visicalc	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Scholastic	COST:	\$89.95
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple IBM-PC, TRS-80, Commodore 64	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.		
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math/Business		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Tool		
DESCRIPTION:	A spreadsheet accompanied by a written tutorial.		

SUMMARY

Based Upon 1 Reviews.

PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
1					
2					
3					

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
X					

COMMENTS: Visicalc is a powerful spreadsheet program. It is useful for administrative applications such as budgeting. With a high degree of preparation it could be used as a problem-solving tool for GED teachers.

SUMMARY REVIEW FORMSOFTWARE PROFILE

PROGRAM TITLE:	Worksheet Wizard	VERSION:	
PRODUCER:	Learning Arts	COST:	\$34.95
REQUIREMENTS:	Apple	TYPICAL RUNTIME:	
APPROPRIATE USES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABE (0-4); <input type="checkbox"/> GED (9-12);	<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-GED (5-8); <input type="checkbox"/> ESL; <input type="checkbox"/> PRE-VOC.	
SPECIFIC SUBJECT/SKILL AREA:	Math		
INSTRUCTIONAL MODE:	Drill/Practice, Tool		
DESCRIPTION:	Creates random worksheets for drill in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.		

SUMMARYBased Upon 1 Reviews.PROGRAM QUALITY: 4 (HIGH) to 1 (LOW)

Instructional Characteristics

Content Characteristics

Technical Characteristics

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly Recommend

Use with reservations/changes

Not recommended for adults

Reviewer	1	2	3	4	5
X					

COMMENTS: Helps the student do skill work in a particular area of weakness. For division the answers are listed with remainders and fractions and decimals.

SOFTWARE ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR ADULT ED APPLICATIONS
AND IDENTIFIED BY ADULT EDUCATORS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>COMPUTER LITERACY</u>		
COMPUTER CONCEPTS	Continuous Learning	Computer Literacy
<u>ESL</u>		
ESSENTIAL IDIOMS	Regents ALA	Idioms
GRAMMAR MASTERY	Regents ALA	Language Arts
SPELL IT!	Davidson	Tool for teaching spelling
WORD ALERT	Regents ALA	Vocabulary
<u>LANGUAGE ARTS</u>		
ANALOGIES	Hartley	Analogies
BASIC ENGLISH SKILLS	Britannica	Grammar, Sentence Structure
BANK STREET WRITER	Scholastic	Word, Processing, Composition
CAPITALIZATION	Hartley	Capitalization, Writing Skills
CLOZE PLUS	Milliken	Language, Reading
COMPREHENSION POWER	Milliken	Reading Comprehension
CONTEXT CLUES	Educational Activities	Reading
CORE READING	Educational Activities	Reading
FACT OR OPINION	Hartley	Reading
GAPPER	HRM	Reading, Context Clues, Vocabulary
GRAMMAR MASTERY	Regents	Grammar
MASTER SPELL	MECC	Spelling Utility
MISSING LINKS	Sunburst	Reading, Context Clues, Vocabulary, Spelling
MISSING LINKS/ ENGLISH EDITOR	Sunburst	Shell Version of Missing Links
PUNCTUATION SKILLS	Milton Bradley	Instruction, practice, mastery of Punctuation Skills
READING & THINKING	Queue	Reading, Basic Skill Remediation
SENTENCE COMBINING	Milliken	Writing
SPELLING VOL. 1 & 2	MECC	Drill & Practice, immediate reinforcement
STORY TREE	Scholastic	Writing Tool
WORD ATTACK	Davidson	Vocabulary
WORD QUEST	Sunburst	Alphabetization
WRITING WIZARD	Scarborough	Word Processor, Writing Skills

LIFE SKILLS

DAILY LIVING SKILLS	Britannica	Part of a series BANKING & CREDIT addressing subject of coping
PLATO LIFE COPING SKILLS	Control Data	Human Relations

MATH

ARITHMETIC CLASSROOM ELEMENTARY MATH VOL.3	Sterling Swift	Division & Multiplication
BASIC MATH COMPETENCY FRACTIONS	MECC Educational Activities Q.E.D.	Geometry Basic Math Skills Concepts & Operations with Fractions
LEMONADE MONEY! MONEY!	MECC	Simple economics, estimation
MATH SEQUENCES	Hartley	Recognition & Use of Cash
SEMCALC	Milliken	Arithmetic, Fractions
THE POND	Sunburst	Basic Skills, Problem Solving
TEASERS BY TOBBS	Sunburst	Sequences, Patterns, Logic
THE FACTORY	Sunburst	Basic Operations, multi-step problems
		Problem Solving

SCIENCE

SYSTEMS OF THE HUMAN BODY	Little Shaver Educational Biology Software
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SOCIAL STUDIES

PRESIDENT ELECT	Strategic Simulations	Simulates Presidential Election
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TOOLS

CROSSWORD MAGIC	Mindscape	Create customized crossword puzzles
LESSON CREATE	Hartley	Utility for writing lessons, drill sequences, tests or tutorials
MATH SHEET TEACHER UTILITIES VOL.1	Houghton-Mifflin MECC	Worksheet Generator Question generator

ADDITIONAL REVIEW RESOURCES FOR
ADULT EDUCATION SOFTWARE PRODUCTS

The Digest of Software Review: Education
301 West Mesa, Fresno, CA 93704

Purpose: The Digest of Software Reviews publishes a collection of evaluative reports on a wide variety of educational software products. Not reporting their own views or opinions, the Digest instead provides a collection of reviews from numerous publications, organizations, and other evaluation resources organized by product, subject area, and student ability level.

Educational Products Information Exchange (EPIE)
Box 620, Story Brook, NY 11790

Purpose: EPIE is a non-profit consumer-supported agency that gathers and disseminates descriptive and analytical information on performance and effects on learners, about instructional materials, equipment, and systems.

MicroSIFT, Northeast Regional Educational Laboratory, Computer Technology Program, 300 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Portland, OR 94204

Purpose: MicroSIFT is a National Institute of education-sponsored clearinghouses for microcomputer instructional software. It was established to design effective procedures for collection, evaluation, and dissemination of materials and information, and to incorporate a flexible user support and technical assistance component.

Region X Adult Education Software Consortium
Treaty Oak Community College Service District
400 East 4th, The Dalles, OR 97058

Purpose: The Region X Consortium publishes software buyer's guides for adult education products that provides descriptions and prices of well-reviewed software. Newsletters are also disseminated to members that provide information and reviews on newer products and practices for adult education.